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THREE CO-DEFENDANTS SENTENCED FOR COCAINE CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that three co-defendants have been sentenced in federal court for participating in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine in the Kansas City area.

Jesus Oropeza, 25, address unknown, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to three years and one month in federal prison without parole.

Anthony R. Hayes, 26, of Kansas City, Kan., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to two years and four months in federal prison without parole.

Frederico Grimaldo, 29, of Kansas City, was sentenced on June 28, 2004, to 19 months in federal prison without parole.

All three co-defendants pleaded guilty to participating in the conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine from June 10, 2003, until Oct. 17, 2003. **Grimaldo** and **Hayes** also admitted that on Oct. 17, 2003, **Grimaldo** fronted to **Hayes** one kilogram of cocaine for the purpose of distribution.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Catherine A. Connelly. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Metro Meth Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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